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SUBJ: GDR MEDIA TREATMENT OF US

1. THE GDR PRESS HAS FOCUSED ON US DEVELOPMENT OF THE
NEUTRON BOMB, THE NEW YORK BLACKOUT AND THE WILMINGTON TEN
IN ITS RECENT CRITICISMS OF THE US. THE GDR HAS AVOIDED
INDEPENDENT PRESS COMMENTARY, HOWEVER, RELYING INSTEAD
ON FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS AND, IN THE CASE OF THE NEUTRON
BOMB, ON CRITICAL STATEMENTS FROM US SOURCES SUCH AS
GEORGE KENNAN AND THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. THE
GDR CONTINUES HO AVOID INDEPENDENT MEDIA CRITICISM OF
THE PRESIDENT.

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2. IN GENERAL, WE HAVE SEEN NO SIGNIFICAN INCREASE
IN ANTI-US COVERAGE IN RECENT WEEKS, IN SPITE OF THE GDR'S
SHORT-LIVED NEGATIVE REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S
CSCE IMPLEMENTATION REPORT AND SOVIET CRITICISM OF
THE PRESIDENT'S STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SALT ISSUES.
THE GDR HAS AVOIDED INDEPENDENT COMMENTARIES CRITICAL

OF THE US IN RECENT MONTHS AND HAS TENDED TO CARRY
CRITICAL COMMENTARIES FROM SOVIET AND OTHER EAST
EUROPEAN PRESS SOURCES INSTEAD, FOLLOWING THE SOVIET
LINE. AT THE SAME TIME, GDR MEDIA CONTINUE TO GIVE
PRIME COVERAGE TO ALL POSITIVE SIGNS FROM THE US,
SUCH AS THE RECENT US VISIT BY GDR STATE SECRETARY
BEIL OR THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT TELEGRAM TO HONECKER,
WHICH WAS FRONTPAGED IN ALL GDR NEWSPAPERS. THIS
RELATIVE RESTRAINT IN THE GDR PRESS APPEARS TO BE A
SIGN OF CONTINUED GDR INTEREST IN IMPROVING RELATIONS
WITH THE US AND RELUCTANCE TO GET OUT IN FRONT IN
CURRENT SOVIET CRITICISMS OF US POLICY. POLANSKY

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